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DEPT PASS HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, MPOS, SY, SU, ET

SUBJ: ERITREAN ARMS IMPORT AT PORT SUDAN

REF: DAMASCUS 4470

1. ERITREAN LIBERATION OFFICES IN KHARTOUM HAVE TOLD AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS THAT SUDANESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT PORT SUDAN INSIST ON INSPECTING ALL ITEMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH TRANSIT PORT SUDAN FOR DELIVERY TO ERITREAN FIGHTING FORCES. ATTEMPTS BY ELF AND EPLF TO SHIP ITEMS UNOPENED AND UNINSPECTED HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. SUDAN OBJECTS TO ACQUISITION BY ERITREANS OF SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SUCH AS GROUND-TO-AIR MISSILES, ACCORDING ERITREANS. IT IS NOT KNOWN TO CORRESPONDENTS WHETHER SUCH WEAPONS HAVE BEEN ACTUALLY INTERCEPTED AT PORT SUDAN AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM AS A RESULT.

2. COMMENT: SUDANESE CONTROL AND, IN FACT, ALLOCATION  
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OF WEAPONS WHICH PASS THROUGH SUDAN IS STANDARD PRACTICE. DATT HAS STRONG INDICATIONS THAT SUDANESE DO NOT WANT ERITREANS TO HAVE SA-7S. IN ADDITION, SUDAN WILL BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT ANY TECHNOLOGICAL ESCALATION OF WAR IN ERITREA WHICH MIGHT PROVOKE RETALIATORY STRIKE AT PORT SUDAN, FOR INSTANCE. SUDANESE THEMSELVES DO NOT HAVE OPERABLE GROUND-TO-AIR MISSILES AND WOULD LIKELY TAKE CARE

OF THEIR OWN NEEDS FIRST IF OPPORTUNITY ARISES. RETURN OF  
AIRLIFT PLANE (REFTEL) AFTER ONLY FOUR OF FIFTEEN CONTRACTED  
FLIGHTS WERE COMPLETED TO PORT SUDAN MAY BE RELATED TO MORE  
THOROUGH SUDANESE CONTROL OF INCOMING ERITREAN ARMS  
SHIPMENTS.  
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